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## **69-8-1002. Findings.** The legislature finds that:

(1) Montana is blessed with an abundance of diverse renewable energy resources;

- (2) renewable energy production promotes sustainable rural economic development by creating new jobs and stimulating business and economic activity in local communities across Montana;
- (3) increased use of renewable energy will enhance Montana's energy self-sufficiency and independence; and
- (4) fuel diversity, economic, and environmental benefits from renewable energy production accrue to the public at large, and therefore all consumers and utilities should support expanded development of these resources to meet the state's electricity demand and stabilize electricity prices.

History: En. Sec. 2, Ch. 457, L. 2005.

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